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SUBJECT: OCT ALL-MICRONESIAN CONFERENCE

1. THE BELOW QUOTED LETTERS, FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE BY SEN TMETUHL COME AS A WELCOME UPDATE OF EFFORTS UNDERWAY AMONG MICRONESIAN PARTIES TO ARRANGE AN ALL MICRONESIAN CONFERENCE PRIOR TO THE MOLOKAI ROUND. THIS OFFICE, HOWEVER IS NOT PRIVY TO THE LTR DTD 26 AUG 77 FROM SEN KABUA TO PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA. WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE CFPST AND COM REMAINS OUR MAJOR UNANSWERED QUESTION.

2. LTR FROM SEN TMETUHL TO AMB ROSENBLATT DTD 26 SEP 77 FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT: ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER TO SENATOR NAKAYAMA WHICH WE WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 20 BUT MAILED ON SEPTEMBER ,6, 1977. WE WANTED TO GIVE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COM TO SUGGEST THIS ALL-MICRONESIAN CONFERENCE PRIOR TO OUR OCTOBER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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AS OF THIS DATE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CENTRAL STATES CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. FURTHERMORE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT ANSWERED THE REFERRED TO LETTER FROM SENATOR KABUA.

AMBASSADOR, WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURPRISED, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOME COMMUNICATION IS OR WILL BE FORTHCOMING

FROM THE COM. I CAN ONLY REASSURE YOU THAT PALAU'S EFFORTS FOR COMMON LINKS WILL REMAIN CONSISTANT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, PLEASE KNOW THAT THIS COMMISSION HAS PLANNED TO ARRIVE AT THE NEGOTIATING SITE IN HAWAII APPROXIMATELY ONE FULL WEEK BEFORE THE OCTOBER 16 COMMENCEMENT DATE. IF THE COM ANSWERS OUR PLEA FOR A PRIOR ALL-MICRONESIAN MEETING, WE WILL BE ON THE SCENE AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THEM ALL ASPECTS OF INTER-DISTRICT, POST-TRUSTEESHIP RELATIONS.

AGAIN, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, WE NOW FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION REALLY WANTS TO TERMINATE THE PRESENT TRUSTEESHIP AND FASHION A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PALAU. WE HAVE FELT THE PROFESSIONALISM AND SINCERITY OF YOUR EFFORTS, AND WILL CONTINUE OUR ATTEMPTS TO ADD TO THE MOMENTUM OF A REALISTIC, MEANINGFUL, AND AGREEABLE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP. END TEXT.

3. LTR FROM SEN TMETUCHL TO PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA DTD 26 SEP 77 FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER DATED AUGUST 26, 1977 FROM AMATA TO YOU WHICH I BELIEVE CONTAINS A POINT OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR THE THREE OF US, AND FOR THE MANY OTHER LEADERS OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECTIVE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA. HIS REFERENCE TO A CONVERSATION BETWEEN YOU AND GEORGE ALLEN IN PONAPE, WITH REGARDS TO AN IDEA WHERE WE THREE WOULD MEET TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IN A SMALL WORKING GROUP BEFORE THE U.S. NEGOTIATIONS IN OCTOBER, COULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE AND AVANTAGEOUS TO ALL OF US. THIS TYPE OF MEETING WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ASSIST US, AS REPRESENTATIVES TO OUR PEOPLES, TO MAKE THE PROPER UPCOMING CRUCIAL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

THIS COMMISSION HEREIN COMMITS ITSELF TO THE ATTENDANCE OF SUCH A MEETING. WE THINK THAT IT WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE AND MORE PRODUCTIVE IF WE HELD SUCH A MEETING AT THE SAME SITE AS THE LATER MICRONESIAN-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS, PERHAPS TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR. NEVERTHELESS, THE MEETING, IN OUR OPINION, IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SITE OR DATE, SO WE ARE COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE TO THE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

PAGE THREE, PARAGRAPH ONE, OF AMATA'S REFERRED TO LETTER IS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT REASON FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT THIS MEETING, BETWEEN OURSELVES IS IMPERATIVE AT THIS TIME IN

OUR HISTORY. I TRULY HAVE FAITH THAT YOU WILL JOIN US.
PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS YOUR DECISION IS MADE. TIME
IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR ALL OF US NOW, MR. PRESIDENT. END
TEXT.

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